

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

June 2012 – Week 1

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TITLE: THE ALAMO BECOMES A STAR

JUNE 1914 AND THE SHRINE OF TEXAS LIBERTY HITS THE SILVER SCREEN.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

JUNE 1, 1914. SAN ANTONIO. A NEW SILENT FILM PREMIERES AT THE ROYAL THEATRE A FEW BLOCKS FROM THE ALAMO.

“THE SIEGE AND FALL OF THE ALAMO” IS THE FIRST FEATURE FILM ABOUT THE LEGENDARY BATTLE OF 1836. IT IS ALSO THE FIRST AND ONLY SUCH FILM SHOT AT THE ALAMO.

AT A COST OF \$35,000 AND WITH TWO THOUSAND EXTRAS, THE FILM IS A HIT. BUT TODAY, ONLY A FEW STILL PHOTOS REMAIN. NO PRINT OF THIS FILM HAS EVER BEEN FOUND.

THE ALAMO BECAME A STAR 98 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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Frank Thompson, “Alamo Movies,” Wordware Publications, 1994,
(http://books.google.com/books?id=0kXkAAAACAAJ&dq=alamo+movies+frank+thompson&hl=en&sa=X&ei=KEy9T9yvHeqlsQLY_Igm&ved=0CDcQ6AEwAA)

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